

CONGRATULATING DAVENPORT UNIVERSITY

• Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I congratulate Davenport on the recent successes of their Athletic Department and student athletes. The men's hockey team won their first American Collegiate Hockey Association, ACHA, Division II National Championship with a 5-2 victory over Indiana University. The women's basketball team won the Wolverine Hoosier Athletic Conference Championship, WHAC, and made it to the Sweet 16 of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics, NAIA, Division II National Tournament. These are both extraordinary feats considering the Athletic Department at Davenport University was formed only 6 years ago. Both programs were honored in a celebration at Davenport University on March 26, 2008. These accomplishments bring great joy and satisfaction to all those associated with Davenport University and across the State of Michigan.

The hockey team's National Championship came after a third consecutive appearance in the ACHA Division II Final Four. The championship game ended an exciting week in Fort Myers, FL. Outsourcing their five opponents by a combined total of 40-7, the Panthers dominated with their strong offensive attack. Under the leadership of head coach Paul Lowden, the team finished the season with a 35-11-4 record and won their third straight Great Midwest Hockey League, GMHL, regular season and tournament titles.

Each player of the Davenport University team made significant contributions to the winning season, including Alex Mikla, Wes Baughman, Pat Collier, Justin Poorman, Bill McSween, Jon Stolarz, Jeremy Bultema, Justin Welker, Eric Troup, Will Collar, Rick Gadwa, Dayne Gluting, Chad Anguilm, Bobby Collar, Jeff Kraemer, Adam Tomacari, Kevin Doyle, Adam Thomas, Kevin Moodie, Chris Joswiak, Scott Knight, Chad Rutzel, Eddie Wheeler, Jared Mailloux, Chris Green, Brit Ouelette, Brett Hagen, Luke Bonnewell, Kenny Jacobs, Jason Kraemer, Jonah Rogowski, Ben Duthler, head coach Paul Lowden, and assistant coaches Phil Sweeney, Jamie Bradford, and Joe Messina.

After only six seasons at Davenport University, head coach Paul Lowden was named the 2008 ACHA Men's Division II Coach-of-the-Year. He was honored with this award at the American Hockey Coaches Association Coach-of-the-Year Celebration this past weekend. Coach Lowden was also selected by the ACHA as the inaugural head coach for the Men's Division II Select Team. The select team traveled to Europe this winter and finished with a perfect 5-0-0 record.

The Lady Panthers basketball team, under the leadership of head coach Mark Youngs, earned their second consecutive Wolverine Hoosier Athletic Conference title. Senior Jeanette Woodberry, who was named both the

WHAC Player of the Year and a First Team All-American, led the team to victory. Sara Haverdink and Kristin Bergsma were both named to the NAIA Academic All-American team. The basketball team finished this outstanding season with a record of 28-6 overall and 13-1 in their conference.

Teamwork, determination and a commitment to excellence by each member of this basketball team led to their success. The members include Lyndsey Shepherd, Megan Peters, Sara Haverdink, Andrea Kimm, Brittany Lyman, Kristin Bergsma, Kristi Boehm, Lynne Blomberg, Kayla Chapman, Jeanette Woodberry, Emily Rosenzweig, Kallie Benike, Sylvia Welch, Shannon Slattery, Stephani Roles, along with head coach Mark Youngs, and assistant coaches Kelly Wandel, Shannon Callaghan, and Alicia Barczak.

I am proud to recognize the outstanding achievements of the Davenport University Athletic Department. Their student athletes compete admirably in athletics and in the classroom, and maintain an average GPA of 3.22. I extend my best wishes to the players, coaches, families, and the University community that supported them throughout this triumphant season.

I know my colleagues in the Senate join me in congratulating Coach Lowden, Coach Youngs, and the Davenport University Panthers.●

HONORING LEIGH ANNE GILBERT

• Mr. MARTINEZ. Mr. President, I wish to recognize the efforts of a Floridian who has worked to make a difference in an underserved part of our world. Leigh Anne Gilbert, who recently returned to her hometown of Orlando, has spent the past 3 years establishing the Rainbow Primary Neighborhood School in Masthan Nagar, Hyderabad, India.

After her husband's job relocated the couple to an undeveloped part of India, Leigh Anne recognized the need to serve her new community and began work on a school to serve the area's children. Through the support of charitable organizations, Leigh Anne raised the funds necessary to charter and construct the Rainbow Primary Neighborhood School, which now serves more than 300 impoverished children living in the small Indian village.

Leigh Anne was responsible for bringing together all those involved in building and operating the school—the designers, construction workers, local government, teachers, and staff. She even recruited the services of the Naandi Foundation—a worldwide charitable organization fighting poverty and malnourishment—which delivers meals to the school and provides the students health care. Work on the school began in early 2007 and it was completed in March of this year.

The effort tested Leigh Anne's physical and mental fortitude as she

worked tirelessly for the past 3 years to bring all the partners to the table. The project required patience, persistence, and cooperation from government officials, community leaders, and charity organizations. On Web posts, Leigh Anne reflected on the project and offered words of advice to those pursuing similar ventures: "The number one lesson learned: Get partners—rugged, go-to, and knowledgeable partners—then leverage the partnerships to meet needs. None of us can go it alone."

On behalf of Florida and the people of the United States, I would like to honor Leigh Anne Gilbert for the tremendous example she has set and the good work she has accomplished.●

SOUTHEASTERN COLORADO WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

• Mr. SALAZAR. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize the 50th anniversary of the establishment of the Southeastern Colorado Water Conservancy District.

In the post-World War II era, communities large and small in the United States envisioned a period of growth and prosperity. Enthusiasm in the Arkansas Valley of Colorado was also high, but one limitation loomed large: the water needed to build and sustain that growth was simply not available.

The regional water users' group decided to pursue a bold vision: the Fryingpan-Arkansas Project, a complex diversion, storage, and delivery system, would move water from the western slope of the Rockies to the growing population on the eastern slope. The project itself is as complex as the politics of water in the West. It features both western slope and eastern slope facilities, some of them at elevations above 14,000 feet, and multiple dams, reservoirs, tunnels, and conduits.

Fifty years ago today, on April 29, 1958, a Pueblo, CO, district court established under the provisions of Colorado law the Southeastern Colorado Water Conservancy District. This administrative organization embodied the goals of the regional water users' group, which had proven adept at promoting the Fryingpan-Arkansas Project through the memorable and highly visible sale of small golden frying pans.

The original supporters of the Fryingpan-Arkansas, many of whom eventually served as board members of the district, were committed to seeing its promise made true. Their stalwart efforts led to the authorization of the Fryingpan-Arkansas in 1962, and the Southeastern District has been managing the project continuously since that time. They fought year after year to see this multipurpose project appropriated and constructed. Their success brought the additional water that the valley and its people had hoped for, and many of them lived to see it provide benefits to the Arkansas Valley. President John F. Kennedy's visit to Pueblo in 1962 to commemorate the start of